

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

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16. (Once Amended) The method for performing a biopsy comprising the steps of:  
removing tissue from a vascular site; and  
positioning a pledget of absorbable sponge material substantially at the vascular  
site wherein the absorbable sponge material includes a contrast agent preloaded therein  
prior to hydration.

**REMARKS**

Claims 7-11 and 14-27 are pending. Claims 7-11 and 14-27 have been rejected.

Claim 16 has been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim  
subject matter regarded as the invention.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the  
current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show  
Changes Made**".

Judicially-created Double Patenting

Claims 7-11 and 14-27 have been rejected pursuant to the judicially-created  
doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of  
prior United States patent No. 6,183,497. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer  
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